APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 283.)

	Year	Out-patients.	In-patients.
	1110	82706	4966
General	1111	75767	4567
Hospital	1112	76829 for 11 months	4529 up to 13—12—12
	1110	68416	1916
Civil	1111	62088	1966
Hospital	1112	56412 for 11 months	1855 for 11 months

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

re- the failure of the House to pass the Municipal Bill.

Mr. President.—I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House from Dr. A. R. Menon. It is regarding "*The desirability of conducting Municipal elections under the old Act so as to avoid any further extension of the life of the Municipal Councils.*" Many of these adjournment motions are given notice of without a study of the rules relating to this. One of the most essential restriction is that the motion must relate to a specific matter of recent occurrence. I want to know what is the matter of recent occurrence.

* **Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Pallippuram*).—At 5 o' clock last evening we found that the whole of the Municipal Bill could not be passed. This point was raised before. We then suggested the holding of a special session at that time. I stated then as follows:—"Most probably as a result of this discussion you might change your view.....If you call for a fresh election at the early part of next year it will not be an arduous task and if you gentlemen think to introduce changes it could be introduced during the life time of the Council. If on the other hand you undertake to see that these amendments are incorporated so that elections may take place next year that also can be done.....

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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.....It behoves the Government to do everything in their power to see that an institution which has got the semblance of independence should not be stifled but to do everything in their power to enhance its position in the estimation of the people. The Municipal administration which loses its dignity and prestige ceases to serve any useful purpose. Therefore I again appeal to the Government to follow one of the alternatives. It is not possible to make the necessary changes and incorporate them in the Municipal Act before the next election. So let them carry on the election under the old rules and afterwards incorporate the amendments". Mr. Sivarama Menon also made the same observations. But we have now found that it may not be possible now to get through the various stages of the Bill during the budget session. We have found out that it will not be possible to get the Bill passed in two or three sessions even. There will be some more amendments coming in because there is the period of three months intervening. It is doubtful whether even in the next session this will be passed. The term of the Council has already been extended by one year. I do not see any reason why the Municipality cannot order a general election for one year till the Bill is passed. The recent occurrence is this. Yesterday it was five o'clock when we came to the definite conclusion that this Bill will not be passed during this session in spite of every effort. Therefore that is a recent occurrence.

Mr. President.—The motion is about the desirability of conducting the Municipal election under the old rules. But the subject matter must relate to a matter of recent occurrence. Now what the Hon'ble Member says is that he wants to discuss the failure of this House to pass the Bill. The actual subject matter of discussion must be about a matter of recent occurrence and it must be of public importance. You cannot express an opinion whether it is desirable or otherwise to have the election under the new Act. What is the recent occurrence that the Hon'ble Member wants to discuss? The recent occurrence he has indicated is the failure of this House to pass the Bill yesterday. You must state the subject matter of your motion to enable the Chair to decide about the admissibility of the motion.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—The only recent occurrence is that we could not finish the Bill yesterday.

Mr. President.—The subject matter of the motion therefore is the failure of the House to pass the Bill yesterday.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—The consequences of the failure.

Mr. President.—You cannot discuss that. You can introduce that in the discussion. The President is entitled to

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know what is the subject matter of the motion and that subject matter must relate to a matter of recent occurrence. The motion as is worded now is defective. I do not know what is in the mind of the Hon'ble Member. I am prepared even to go to the extent of helping the member to correctly word it. It must be clearly understood that the subject matter of an adjournment motion can be only a matter of recent occurrence. I want to know what is exactly the matter of recent occurrence.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—The matter is the failure of the Council to get through the Bill and what follows from that.

Mr. President.—We are not concerned with that. Do I understand that Dr. A. R. Menon would like to change the wording of the motion to this effect, viz., "the failure of this House to pass into law the new Municipal Bill?"

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—That may be a cleverness in wording.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—It will be passing a vote of censure on the Council.

Mr. President.—If that motion is in order you will be entitled to discuss the consequences arising out of it. The motion as it stands is not in order. You don't question that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—No.

Mr. President.—Therefore you should like to change the wording, to this effect: *"To discuss a matter of urgent importance, viz., the failure of the House to pass the Municipal Bill yesterday"*. The mere failure of the legislature to pass a measure cannot, in my opinion be considered to be an urgent matter of public importance. I regret to say that it cannot be accepted.

Motion was ruled out of order.

The Cochin Tenancy and Kudiyirippu Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Tenancy and Kudiyiruppu Bill be referred to a Select Committee and if that motion is passed I will submit to the House the names of the members who may sit upon the Committee. I would before proceeding further like to know whether the Government propose to oppose this Bill. In that case an explanation of the

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